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SUBJECT: CARICOM CONCERNOVER STATUS OF PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE

TO CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 128760 (B) NASSAU 1063 OF 6/17/74

(C) GEORGETOWN 0833

1. ON JUNE 5, CHIEF OF CARICOM HEALTH SECTION, DR. BOYD,  
PHONED EMBOFF TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE ON PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE  
TO CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON JUNE 16-20.  
BOYD SAID CARICOM HAD RECEIVED "COMMUNICATION" FROM PUERTO RICO  
ON MAY 30 REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE. EMBOFF INFORMED  
BOYD (PER REF A) THAT PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE WOULD BE INCLUDED  
IN US OBSERVER DELEGATION. BOYD REPLIED THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS  
THAT PUERTO RICANS WERE NOT AWARE PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE WOULD  
BE INCLUDED IN US DELEGATION. BOYD SAID HE WOULD ADVISE PUERTO  
RICANS THAT HE HAD BEENINFORMED BY "US AUTHORITIES" THAT PUERTO  
RICAN DELEGATE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN US DELEGATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, EMBOFF FURTHER ADVISED BOYD  
THAT AT CONFERENCE PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE SHOULD BE SEATED WITH  
US DELEGATIONAND IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS PUERTO RICO SHOULD BE  
LISTED WITH US. BOYD SAID HE HOPED EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY SEP-  
ARATE SEATING OF PUERTO RICO LAST YEAR COULD BE AVOIDED THIS YEAR.  
HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CONFUSION CAUSED BY LASTMINUTE NAMING OF  
US DELEGATIONPOSED PROBLEM. BOYD AGAIN REQUESTED THAT HE BE  
PROVIDED WITH NAMES OF DELEGATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT  
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MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN KINGSTON BE INFORMED OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIMES.

FYI. BOYD LEAVES FOR KINGSTON ON TUESDAY JUNE 10.

3. IN VIEW OF SEPARATE SEATING PROBLEM WHICH OCCURRED LASTYEAR  
(REF B) DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THERE IS PROPER LIAISON WITH  
PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES ON HEALTH CONFERENCE DELEGATION.

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